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The Bishop's Page

My Dear People:

All Church organizations make a fresh start at this time of the year. We have come to take most of these organizations for granted and seldom pause to enquire as to their place or purpose in the whole scheme of the Church's life. I shall do nothing more than raise the question at this time. The answer must be sought in the parishes where the organizations function.

Harvest Thanksgiving is the order of the day. It is one of the indispensable feasts of the Christian year. The purpose of the service is to remind us that this is God's world and to call forth a response of gratitude to Him who is the giver of all good things. At this time try to correct our ideas of God by taking a fresh look at His creation.

Protestant piety is always in danger of concentrating our thoughts exclusively upon the soul of man so that we are liable to forget that God is also concerned for our bodies. The whole man, the whole creation, is the sphere of God's redemptive purposes. Harvest time reminds us vividly of God's concern for the bodies of men.

In contrast to the protestant emphasis on things purely spiritual—upon conversion, piety and the like—the Roman Catholic church gives a strong impression to the world of her concern for the bodies of men, women and children through the vast array of institutions devoted to their care—hospitals, orphanages, etc. I will not stop to enquire into the motive for this service but simply say that institutions and property are manifestations of the doctrine of the Roman Church that the church must yield earthly as well as spiritual power. The temptation to use institutions as instruments of power is ever present and hard to resist. But the fact remains that the Church of Rome gives concrete evidence of her concern for the bodies of men. Because the power they give may be misused is not a good reason why we should hand over to secular organizations this whole field of service. The disastrous consequence of our exclusive emphasis upon the salvation of the soul, is that we have not only lost the "common touch" but the masses of men are alienated from the Church and worse still we have lost the wholeness of the Christian faith. God is misrepresented when anything less than the whole of His creation is regarded as His concern. The whole man in His total environment is the sphere of the Church's work. The whole community has to be re-created.

When we ask the question—How can the Church correct this balance?—we find that the answer is far from easy. One thing however, stands out for me—There is a place in our church life for a corporate and concrete expression of our faith, by means of institutions. They help to stimulate

the spirit of service; they call forth the generous impulses; they help to provide our faith with a "body".

In the broader field of Christian service for the whole man we must consider the schools, the clubs, indeed the whole network of institutional life which absorbs the interest of our people. It comes to this: We cannot divide life into compartments, and isolate the individual from the social or the religious from the secular or the soul from the body. To the believer in God through Jesus Christ there is nothing common or unclean, nothing of merely private interest. Even the salvation of the soul is a social affair for upon it depends the whole network of relationships of unending possibility for good or evil. Man cannot reach his own perfection except through social action.

The Canterbury Club

The University year has just begun. Thousands of young people are gathered in our various institutions of higher learning. These are the future leaders in every department of life. In our own University of Alberta, several hundred of our young people will be preparing themselves for their life work. I, therefore, remind you that education is a concern of the Church. It is our duty to see that these young people do not give up the practice of their religion when they come to the University. It is further our duty to try to see that their religious thinking keeps pace with their scientific or philosophical thinking. There is always the danger that they may try to operate in adult life with a conception of God which was got much earlier and which they cannot fit into the pattern of thought provided in the lecture room. The Church has the duty to translate for them the eternal truths of the gospel in the language of modern life.

In this work we have strong allies in the Canterbury Club and The Student Christian Movement. The former is an organization of Anglican students which tries to keep Anglicans in touch with their Church through regular services and through social fellowship. The latter aims to keep their thinking straight concerning the faith.

I ask your support and interest for the Canterbury Club. Some day, in the not distant future, I hope we shall provide a Club House near the campus where they can further all their plans and develop their Church loyalties. Meanwhile the parishes of the city are co-operating to this end.

Yours faithfully,

Walter Schumlin

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Editorial

The New Primate

The Most Reverend George Frederick Kingston, Archbishop of Nova Scotia is Primate of All Canada. The Canadian Church has made choice of a fit person to succeed to the distinguished Primacy of the Most Reverend Derwyn Trevor Owen. The new Primate is one of the three whose names were sent to the Lower House by the House of Bishops. It is generally agreed that any one of the three would make a good Primate. After several ballots the choice fell upon the youngest of the three. Most likely the fact of age was a real factor in making a choice between men whose personal qualifications were otherwise so evenly balanced.

It is a moving experience for a man to receive unmistakable evidence of the trust of his fellows. When the announcement of the election was made the Primate was obviously moved. In that moment, however, he said and did the one essentially right thing. His first words were, "I can never be, I can never hope to be to you, what my predecessor was to all of us. My first word, therefore, to the Canadian Church is a call to prayer. Let us pray." He then used several of our ancient prayers in which he commended himself, his work

and his people to God. It was a truly inspired beginning for a great ministry amongst us.

Concerning the personality and qualities of the Primate, it can be said that he is a simple, approachable, human person with a gift for friendship. He draws all kinds of people to himself. There is about him none of the atmosphere of the conventional "prelate." He is a scholar without the taint of bookishness or academic aloofness. On the contrary, his years of academic life have developed in him a sympathy for and understanding of, and fellowship with successive generations.

The Primate is a Canadian by birth, fifty-eight years of age, of medium stature and in robust health. After seeing the press photograph, one man remarked, "he is not photogenic," which is quite true. But he gives the impression of health, strength, dignity and kindliness. Let us hope that it will not be long before we shall be able to welcome him to the diocese.

The Name of The Church

The legal and official name of our Church is "The Church of England in Canada." This name fails accurately to describe what in fact we are and many unsuccessful attempts have been made to have the name changed. At the meetings in Saskatoon a committee was appointed to consider the question and to report. The committee was unanimously in favour of a change and gave notice of motion to that effect. At the next General Synod a motion will be introduced to the effect that the legal designation of our Church should

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PRAYER CALENDAR

All Churches in the Diocese are asked to remember the following in their Prayers:

October 5th:

Our new Primate, the Most Rev. George Frederick Kingston, Archbishop of Nova Scotia.

October 12th:

The Parish of St. Saviour's, Vermilion, and the Rector, the Rev. T. W. Teape.

October 19th:

The Youth organizations of our Church, Junior W.A., Girls' Auxiliary, Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies, A.Y.P.A., and all other organizations ministering to young people.

October 26th:

The Parish of St. Mark's, Edmonton, and the Rector, the Rev. A. Elliott.

November 2nd:

The Parish of St. Catherine's, Edson.



DIOCESAN NEWS



Mr. Owen Johnston

We said goodbye to Mr. Owen Johnston on Monday, September 8th. He has returned to Toronto to resume his studies at Trinity College. He served us well by his faithful work during the summer in Edson and at Kapasiwin and made many friends. Our good wishes go with him in his work at College.

Dean Smye

We report the visit of the Very Rev. Frank Smye, Dean of Calgary on September 28th. He came to Edmonton to be the special preacher at the Harvest Festival services at St. John's Church on Sunday and to speak at a Dinner in the parish hall on Monday. We bid him welcome.

Bishop Wells to Assist in Toronto Diocese

The Rt. Rev. G. A. Wells, former Bishop of Cariboo, who resigned in order to take over the duties of Principal Protestant Chaplain at the outbreak of the war, has now been appointed to "supply episcopal assistance" to the Right Rev. A. R. Beverley, the recently chosen Bishop of Toronto. Many of our readers will remember Bishop Wells' visit to the Diocese when he addressed a W.A. Annual before the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowker

Mr. and Mrs. Bowker have returned to Winnipeg where Mr. Bowker will resume his studies at St. John's College. His work at Winfield has been a great help in this period of clergy shortage. We eagerly look forward to their return to take up work again next summer.

Miss Onions

Drayton Valley is vacant for the time being. Miss Barbara Onions is on leave of absence for health reasons. There is, we regret to report, some doubt as to whether she will be able to continue her work there. Her plan to return to England this autumn was vetoed by the doctor and she is at present with her sister in Eastern Canada. We pray for a complete recovery and resumption of work in the Church in some capacity. She has made an outstanding contribution to the diocese during the past years and we are mindful of it.

Books Needed

Several R.C.A.F. Stations in the north country need reading material. There are small detachments of men without the financial resources in their canteen fund from which the larger detachments are able to buy the books they need.

Please send to the Synod Office, for this purpose, books which you have enjoyed reading yourself. On these stations will be found a cross-section of the book-reading public. If you are a member of a book club and have accumulated a number of good books, here is fine service which you can render to our men in these rather isolated stations. An early response will be appreciated. Send to the Synod Office, 10029 103 Street, Edmonton, marked for R.C.A.F.

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| 5 | 18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY |
| 12 | 19th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY |
| 18 | St. Luke the Evangelist |
| 19 | 20th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Children's Day and Youth Sunday |
| 26 | 21st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY |
| 28 | St. Simon A. & M.
St. Jude A. & M. |

BROADCASTING

Services at 11 a.m.

Oct. 5—All Saints'	CJCA
12—Christ Church	CFRN
19—Holy Trinity	CJCA
Nov. 2—All Saints	CJCA

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remain, but that in all our formularies the church should be called "The Canadian Church (legally known as The Church of England in Canada)." By this procedure we should avoid all the complicated processes involved in changing the legal designation. For example, innumerable title deeds, trust deeds, etc., would have to be altered, as well as legislative action in every province and at Ottawa.

"The Canadian Church" is a noble name and identifies us with our people. In choosing such a name we should in fact be following in a general way the practice of almost the whole Anglican Communion. Our Church in Ireland is "The Church of Ireland." We have also "The Episcopal Church in Scotland"—"The Church in Wales"—"The Church of India, Burma and Ceylon"—"The Holy Catholic Church of China"—"The Protestant Episcopal Church" of the United States. We are almost alone

in our use of the words "The Church of England" in the forefront of our name. In common practice we call ourselves and are called by others "The Church of England." This abbreviated title misrepresents us to our own people as well as to those who belong to other communions. They regard our Church as being exclusively a church for Englishmen. What is being proposed is designed to correct this false impression and to identify us with our Canadian people without in any way suggesting that we are weakening the bonds of communion and affection which link us to the world-wide Anglican Communion. In the forefront of our name it is proposed to put "The Canadian Church" and as a sub-title "Commonly or legally known as 'The Church of England in Canada.'" In practice the first words of our name will be used as they are at present, but the first words of the suggested new name will identify us with our people and the environment in which we live and work. The suggestion is worthy of serious consideration.

Diocesan Senior Boys' Camp

The Senior Boys' Camp was held this year from August 17th to 27th, at Kapasiwin with the following staff:

Director: Rev. F. A. Peake (Chief).

Chaplain: Rev. V. P. Cole (Padre).

Programme Directors: Mr. E. S. Cooper (Skipper), 35 Edmonton Sea Scout Troop; Mr. E. O. Johnston (Kim).

Swimming Instructor: Mr. J. A. McCready (Mate), Red Cross Instructors' Certificate Holder.

Cook: Mrs. J. Pitt.

The Camp this year was again run on the lines of a Scout Camp. The greater percentage of the campers were Scouts, but even those who were not found the varied programme interesting and instructive. The weatherman was not very kind to us, but in spite of the cold and rain everyone had a splendid time, and a surprising amount of Scout Badge work was accomplished. Five boys were invested into the World Brotherhood of Boy Scouts. The Mannville Troop Leader, Ross Rose, completed his First Class and was presented with that badge. Five boys passed their First Class overnight journey. They travelled by boat along the south shore of the lake to a point about six miles from Camp. They were so anxious to get back to Camp, however, that they left a bedroll and the tent behind. (We wonder if they were afraid of the Indians, or wasn't their cooking so good). This caused no little stir in the Camp, particularly after the false "Lost Boys Episode" of the night before; but that is another story. Chief was sure at first that it was just another practical joke. It turned out, however, after much excitement, that the tent and bedroll had been left behind, and the Padre took two of his boys, one of whom had been on the trip, and went for the missing articles.

Kim and Padre seemed to have the happy, or unhappy, faculty of getting in the Chief's hair continually, especially in the above mentioned lost boys episode. Two boys were sent off with a lunch and other things for their comfort just before supper one night and so were not present at supper and still missing at Flag Down, and after much hinting the Chief was finally moved to organize search parties. This sculduggery almost fell through when the

Rev. R. S. Faulks paid a visit to the camp and met the boys on the road; however, the arch-fiends managed to silence him before he let the cat all the way out of the bag. The search parties after tramping through mud and rain were finally recalled, the Chief's wrath was cooled, and a good laugh was had by all.

We are greatly indebted to Skipper who gave up his holidays to be with us. He had just attended a Part II Woods Badge course for leaders and was able to give us much valued help with the badge work. Many thanks, Skipper, and Good Scouting! Our thanks go also to Mate for his splendid handling of the swimming and boating; also to Kim for his work on the evening programmes, Scout Badge work, and also his assistance to the Chaplain at the various Services and the Religious Instruction classes. Then also to our two Clergy: Padre for his official duties, also for acting as First Aider and supplying the First Aid Kit which fortunately was not needed very much; for bringing the archery equipment which the boys enjoyed when the weather would permit, and for his help with the Badge Work. To Chief go our special thanks for his untiring help in all the departments of the Camp's life. To his efforts and supervision we owe in a very large degree the success of the Camp. Judging from the boys' expressions it was a success in every way in spite of the weather.

The theme of the Camp was Christian Vocation and the need for private prayer in our lives. Guidance and instruction was given along these lines in the daily classes, in the Chapel Services, and the Chief's 5 minutes, and also by the showing of the film, "Go Forth."

It is the sincere wish of all the members of the staff that the Clergy of the Diocese start now to plan for next year, so that every parish can send at least one representative. The value of such a Camp to the individual campers, to the Parishes and the Diocese cannot be estimated. It is a real God given opportunity to help our young men; but unless more co-operation is forthcoming from all the Clergy and the Parishes, the lack of numbers may force us to give up this work.

Before closing there are two more members of the staff to whom we wish

to express our sincere thanks. The Reverend S. Faulks working in the background keeping the supplies coming regularly from the city; and Mrs. J. Pitt for so ably looking after the needs of the inner man.

So, until next year, GOOD SCOUTING. (V.P.C.)

Anglican Teachers' Association

Programme:

Audio-Visual Methods in Church Teaching.

Oct. 7th—(In the Guild Room at All Saints), "Some Fundamentals in Teaching."

Nov. 4th—(In St. Mary's Parish Hall), "Making Education Live."

Dec. 2nd—"Assembling Illustrative Material."

Jan. 6th—(In St. Peter's Parish Hall), "The Use of Illustrative Material," showing film slides and a film.

The programme above shows part of the plan for the year's work made at the first meeting in September. It was felt that there existed a great need for instruction in class management, lesson preparation, developing a devotional spirit, and school equipment. One way to meet this need was to visit a different parish each month, to be shown any special piece of equipment they may possess and to hear how their school is planned.

A very kind and heartening word came from the Rev. F. A. Peake, who offered to give a series of seven lectures on "Audio-Visual Methods in Church Teaching," and to include in his teaching the needs listed above. As a great deal of progress has been made recently in visual education and as Mr. Peake has made a study of the newest methods, these lectures should be of wide and general interest.

Owing to a previous engagement Mr. Peake cannot attend the first meeting, so it is hoped that Miss E. Merryweather will lecture on "Some Fundamentals in Teaching."

It is expected that the Rev. L. A. C. Smith will be present at the November meeting, thus giving teachers a chance to ask questions of the representative of the G.B.R.E. With such a good and informative programme arranged it is hoped that all teachers will make a determined effort to attend regularly. Tea and cookies will be served at the end of each evening. —H. M. Harris.

Conference on Indian Missions

Every keen Canadian churchman thrills with justifiable pride when he recalls the magnificent work of the early C.M.S. missionaries across northern Canada. The consecration and the fortitude of the missionaries, the whole-hearted response of the Indians to the message of the Gospel and the lasting witness of upright lives of loyal and devoted Christian Indians which remains to this day, assure him that this was a glorious chapter in the history of his Church. He is troubled that too few recruits are now entering this field and that his church as a whole in this generation is not adequately concerned in the fulfilment of this primary duty.

Just prior to the Annual Meeting of the Executive Council and Boards of General Synod, a conference of great importance and of historic significance took place in Saskatoon on September 4th. The Bishops and workers engaged in Indian Mission work throughout Canada had been invited to assemble for the first conference of its kind in the history of the Canadian Church. The conference was concerned with missionary work on the reserves and other areas where, in some cases, the missionary is also teacher in a day school.

All this work is directly controlled by the diocese in which it is carried on.

The conference was to hear personally the reports of the Bishops and other workers, to review the whole matter of the Church's work among our Indian brethren, except the matter of Residential Schools, and to lay plans for the future.

As the details of the Indian work across the Dominion were filled in, the resulting picture constituted an impressive challenge of work to be done and for workers to do it. Never has the Church faced a situation so bristling with opportunity and so emphatic in its call for devoted and trained men and women.

Reports of workers indicated the features of work common to all areas, as well as the varied types of work necessary, and the very differing conditions under which it is carried on. Problems constantly to be faced included the differences in language spoken in various Indian bands, the matter of covering great distances between centres, the inadequacy of present living quar-

ters, the hardships resulting from isolation of white workers and the need of gathering native leaders for teaching and for spiritual renewal.

On the side of the organization of the Church, it was noted that the appeal of the Church for recruits for Indian Missions had failed to enlist the workers needed and it was felt that the case had been inadequately presented to the constituency both in Church publications and in the parishes. Further, it was noted that the Church had not regarded Indian missionary work as a highly specialized type and that training colleges had failed to provide facilities for training in language and general background.

A special committee had been set up in 1940 to study the whole matter and had reported in 1943. In 1943 another committee had been set up and had reported in 1946. The reports of these independent committees were in general agreement in their analysis of the situation and in respect of some of the steps to be taken to meet it. In the Saskatoon conference the suggestion was made that the problem was too great for missionary dioceses acting separately to cope with, and that the Church as a whole should take order to render assistance through the M.S.C.C. beyond the matter of financial aid. A resolution was presented which was based upon the belief that the M.S.C.C. has never been effectively organized for Indian work apart from Residential schools, and the belief that integration of Indian mission work throughout the country is necessary. It recommended that the M.S.C.C. now requires (a) an informed and functioning board or commission for Indian Missions, and (b) a full time secretary of this body who will mainly be concerned with publicity and recruiting.

Opposition to this resolution appeared to be based upon its alleged infringement upon diocesan autonomy and upon a doubt as to whether such liaison officer could achieve any integration of policy if, indeed, any such integration should be attempted at all.

Eventually it was recommended that a body, inside the M.S.C.C. should be set up to pursue the matter further, and the terms of reference are such as to hold out some hope for the better carrying out of this primary obligation of the Canadian Church. —S.F.T.

Love ever gives,
Forgives, outlives,
And ever stands with open hands
And while it lives it gives.
For this is love's prerogative:
To give—and give—and give.

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No more sentimental rubbish has ever been written than the lines:

"So many Gods; so many creeds;
So many ways that wind and wind;
While just the art of being kind
Is all the sad world needs."

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The New Primate

By the Rev. Canon F. W. Colloton,
B.A., B.D., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

On Monday, the 8th September, in St. John's Cathedral, Saskatoon, an Electoral College, composed of the Bishops of the Church of England in Canada, together with duly elected clerical and lay representatives of the twenty-seven dioceses covering the Dominion, elected a Primate to succeed the late beloved Archbishop of Toronto, Derwyn Trevor Owen, who passed to his reward a few months ago.

The choice fell upon the Right Reverend George Frederick Kingston, M.A., Ph.D., D.D., Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, who presides over the oldest Anglican diocese in Canada, and indeed the first to be established outside the British Isles. Dr. Kingston now becomes Archbishop of Nova Scotia and Primate of All Canada, and to him is entrusted the spiritual leadership of nearly two millions of Anglicans in the Dominion. At a solemn service held in the Cathedral the same evening His Grace was enthroned and presented with the Primate's Cross, the sign of our Faith and the symbol of his high office.

The new Primate was born on the 28th August, 1889 at Prescott, Ontario, the youngest of a family of seven sons and three daughters of Richard and Elizabeth (Newman) Kingston. His father was of Irish birth and his mother of Irish descent. His education began in the Public and High Schools in his native town, and after a course of training he taught for two years in a rural school. Hearing and answering the call to the Sacred Ministry, he entered Trinity College in 1909 and began a very brilliant academic career. He graduated in Arts in 1913 with the Governor-General's Medal for the best degree of the year. In the following year he earned the degree of Master of Arts. During his Divinity course at Trinity he did post-graduate work in Philosophy in the University of Toronto, leading in 1923 to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy with first class honours. In 1917 he received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from the University of King's College, Windsor.

The future Primate was ordained deacon in June, 1916 by the Coadjutor Bishop of Ontario, the Right Rev. E. J. Bidwell, for the Bishop of Nova Scotia,

and in December of the same year he was raised to the priesthood by the Right Rev. C. L. Worrell, Bishop of Nova Scotia.

On his ordination he was appointed Professor of Philosophy in King's College, a position which he held with distinction until 1922. For two years, 1919-21, he was granted leave of absence to continue his studies at Oxford and Harvard Universities, thus adding to his already high academic attainments.

In August 1919 he married Florence Belle, daughter of the late Harry Brown of Wolfville, N.S., a talented musician and a woman of great charm. They have a son, Temple, who is following in his father's academic footsteps, and two daughters.

In spite of his brilliant scholarship, Dr. Kingston's interests were not all academic. He was interested first of all in people. During his service at King's he spent his vacations, not in relaxation nor in further study, but in actual mission work in some of the small villages of Nova Scotia, where he was greatly beloved by the simple fisher folk and others to whom he ministered.

In 1922 he accepted the appointment of Professor of Ethics and Apologetics in the University of Trinity College, Toronto, and from 1926 on he also held the office of Dean of Residence. For eighteen years his influence on the men passing through Trinity was very great, his fine philosophic mind coupled with his firm Christian faith exerting a steady and inspiring influence on all who came in touch with him.

On the 17th January, 1940 he was elected by the Synod of the Diocese of Algoma to become the fifth Bishop of that missionary diocese, and on the 25th April, the Festival of St. Mark, he was consecrated in St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, by the Right Rev. John G. Anderson, D.D., Bishop of Moosonee and Acting Metropolitan of Ontario, assisted by the Most Rev. Derwyn T. Owen, Archbishop of Toronto and Primate, with four other Bishops.

For four years Bishop Kingston devoted himself wholeheartedly to the work of the Church in Algoma. His

short episcopate was marked by steady advance and a strengthening of the work both spiritually and financially. During that time he endeared himself to the people of that wide-spread diocese in a remarkable manner; and it was with a feeling of sorrow and dismay that they learned in January, 1944 that he had been unanimously chosen by the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia to become Bishop of that historic See; and after a period of careful consideration had decided to accept. The wisdom of his decision has been shown by the splendid work he has accomplished in that diocese in the last three years, where also he has won the hearts of his people. The high sense of duty and the qualities of leadership he has shown in every position in which he has been placed have impressed the people of the Church throughout the Dominion, and have led to his being chosen for the highest office in the Canadian Church.

A picture of the new Primate taken in St. John's Cathedral, Saskatoon, after the Service of Installation.

At fifty eight Archbishop Kingston is in the full vigour of his strength, and all this strength will be needed in facing the many problems which confront our country to-day, in the solution of which the Church must play a dynamic part.

Archbishop Kingston has often been described as a man's man. He is in great demand as a speaker at men's gatherings, and has always an inspiring message to give. He is fond of sports. In his college days he played on the first Rugby team, and in more recent years he greatly enjoys golf and tennis. He has been for years an active Freemason, having served as Master of Ionic Lodge, A.F. & A.M., and First Principal of St. Paul's Chapter, R.A.M., Toronto; being also a Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, and the present Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

That His Grace may be spared for many years to devote his great talents to the welfare of the Church in his high position of responsibility is the prayer of those who now look to him for leadership in the great task of helping to make this Dominion, which now stretches "from sea to sea", a living part of the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.



Church Union in South India

By DEACONESS CAROL GRAHAM
Church of England Missionary

This year of grace, 1947, is destined to see the first definite step towards the re-union of Christendom by the inauguration of long-projected union between three Churches in South India. It would be well at this most vital moment in the history of Christianity to stand for a while at the crossroads, looking backwards along the way we have travelled in hope, and forwards into the unknown, trying to see just what this union involves and how, we believe, in practice it will work. For it is indeed far more than a domestic question. Many churches in many countries have their union schemes; we alone, after September, will have a United Church in which are combined those two great streams of Church life, the Episcopalian and the Non-Conformist, and it is no exaggeration to say that the eyes of the Christian world are upon us as, with God's help, we venture forth upon our great experiment.

At the outset it is vital to remember that, although many missionaries from the West have taken a leading part in the negotiations, the impetus to unite has come from the Indian Christians. The original conference at Tranquebar in 1919, from which the whole train of events leading up to this historic moment has sprung, was a conference of Indian ministers whose avowed purpose was to discuss the problems of Church Union unhampered by the prejudices of men whose forbears had perhaps struggled and bled for one or other conception of the Church. Such differences, while truly realized, do not as a rule touch the deepest experience of the Indian Christian. The gulf which divides Christian from non-Christian is infinitely greater and the bond of union to be found in a common faith transcends all else. Added to which the shame of a divided Church in a non-Christian world, and the weakness of a divided Church in a divided India, perhaps more truly felt than ever today, have produced a will to unite which has brought the Church of South India to the very threshold of its new life.

The Churches in Union

The two Churches which began the negotiations were the Anglican Church

(i.e., the four southern Dioceses of Church of India, Burma and Ceylon: Madras, Dornakal, Tinnivelly and Travancore), and the South India United Church, consisting of Presbyterians and Congregationalists who had already formed a Union in 1908. A few years later these two were joined by the Methodist Church, and these three are now the contracting parties to the present Union. The Church of South India will, therefore, contain four strong streams of Church life: Anglicanism, Presbyterianism, Methodism and Congregationalism. There have always been people in all the Churches who have doubted if such widely divergent conceptions as Episcopacy and Congregationalism could ever be anything but uneasily yoked together, and yet it is noteworthy that, from the very beginning, members of the Joint Committee on Union have been overpowered by a sense of the way in which the Holy Spirit was leading them on to find that one-ness in Church life for which Our Lord Himself had prayed. Again and again those who were most implacably opposed to union found themselves converted into ardent exponents of the scheme by attending these meetings. Again and again the way out of some apparently hopeless impasse was made clear in the house of quiet prayer together. And it is the conviction of many earnest Christians that, from these great streams of Churchmanship about to be fused into one, there will arise, under God, a Church that is truly evangelistic in spirit, truly Catholic in heritage, and truly Indian in outward expression.

The Scheme of Union which has emerged from nearly thirty years of protracted negotiations is detailed and complicated, but the Basis on which the Union will rest is, in its broad outline, both simple and definite. The Nicene Creed has been accepted as an adequate summary of the Church's faith. The two Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, instituted by Christ Himself, are recognized as vital to the Church's life. The Bible, as the Word of God, is the supreme authority for both faith and life. Such matters as these have not given rise to much

controversy since there is considerably more agreement on the fundamentals of Christianity than is commonly supposed. At the same time it may be well to emphasize the fact that every minister of the uniting Churches is required to give his assent to the Basis of Union in writing before the inauguration takes place and that every Bishop and Presbyter must declare his assent in public immediately after Union, either at the central inauguration service in Madras, or at similar services to be held in every diocese. These arrangements effectually dispose of the fiction that any minister of the United Church can repudiate any article of the creed at will and that some are already doing so.

The Problems of the Ministry

The problems of the ministry, however, presented far greater difficulties which have been solved by means of both sacrifice and fulfilment. The Church of South India has accepted the historic Episcopate as the basis of its ministry, by no means an easy step for the non-Episcopal Churches, and episcopal ordination becomes the rule for every minister ordained after the inauguration of Union. Nine new Bishops will be consecrated by three Bishops of the Anglican Church, thus assuring the continuity of the Apostolic Succession for those to whom it is a vital principle, while Presbyters from the other two Churches will also take part in the consecrating ceremony, thus emphasizing the priesthood of the whole Church. At the same time the existing ministries in all the three Churches at the time of Union will receive mutual recognition with no further form of commission or supplementary ordination (by no means an easy step for the Anglican Church to contemplate) but for a limited period of thirty years only, thus assuring that eventually the Church will have a uniform and episcopally-ordained ministry. To have arrived at this solution of the gravest of all difficulties has demanded considerable sacrifice on all sides. The proposal for supplemental ordination, which would undoubtedly have satisfied many Anglican consciences, was wholly unacceptable to the other Churches as casting doubts upon the validity of their previous ministrations which they, not unnaturally, felt to be a denial of the grace of God. The irregularities caused by

even a temporary recognition of non-episcopally ordained ministers has certainly made the union harder of acceptance to the Anglican Church. And yet, through sacrifice, we believe that, by the grace of God, there will come a rich fulfilment in the wide variety of contributions to be made by the different ministeries. Perhaps this may be foreshadowed in the nomenclature to be adopted. There will be fourteen Bishops, of whom one will be elected as Moderator, while the ministers will be known as Presbyters, and Deacons and Elders will continue to exercise the functions they have fulfilled hitherto. The Moderator will be styled "Most Reverend," and the Bishops "Right Reverend," but they will be Bishops "in" not "of" their sees and will sign themselves by their own names.

Two Unique Features

There are, however, two unique features of the Scheme of Union which deserve special mention because upon the interpretation and loyal observance of these very much will depend. The first is the interim period already mentioned. It cannot be too strongly stressed that inauguration and consummation are not one and the same thing. In September next the Church of South India will embark upon the long and costly process of growing together into a living Church for which unlimited grace and supernatural love will be needed if it is indeed to fulfil its vocation as the temple of the living God in South India. Only at the end of this period, be it long or short, will there emerge the Church, one in faith, one in life, one in worship, for which we all long and pray, and which will be the fruit of the consummation of our union. Towards this end, the sooner we cease to think in terms of ex-Anglican, ex-Methodist, etc., and realize that we are aiming at a united Church not a federation of Churches the better. And, vital to this process of growing together in love and peace is the second great feature known as the Pledge, that "gentleman's agreement" which is of the very essence of our Union, a mutual promise, freely given between Christians who trust one another, that in the initial stages no ministrations which do violence to the consciences of its members will be imposed upon any congregation. It is indeed a thousand pities that latterly

controversy should have settled round the various attempts that have been made to interpret in minute detail the exact meaning of the Pledge and so reduce it within the confines of a legal document. Both sides have made a great mistake in thus attempting to define the indefinable and the cost has been much bitterness of spirit and a lessening of the mutual trust which lies at the very root of this great venture towards reunion.

There is no doubt that much, very much, will depend upon the wisdom, tolerance and leadership of the first Bishops of the United Church, and here we have indeed deep cause for thankfulness. It was decided that Church Councils and Synods should put forward nominations but that the actual selection should be made by a small Committee of Selectors chosen from the three Churches. It was no enviable task and it was inevitable that the results should cause a certain amount of surprise, disappointment and dissatisfaction. The fact that seven out of the fourteen Bishops will be Europeans, that half of them are Anglicans, that no Tamilian from India has been selected, that some of the nominations of some of the Church Councils have been passed over, all these facts have come in for a good deal of criticism. It is, therefore, all the more important to remember that the Selection Committee were unanimous in their choice and that they did indeed rise above all considerations of race, community or denomination and choose the individual men who, they believed, were best able to carry out the very arduous duties that would rest upon them and bring to them a truly spiritual outlook.

Finally, we do most earnestly ask for the prayers and also the financial support of all who sympathize with us in this great venture. No one expects it will be easy and those who think that all is now over, bar the shouting, are living in a fool's paradise. We, in South India, are out to right the greatest wrong the world has ever seen, the breaking into fragments of the Body of Christ. This can surely only be done by the way of the Cross, which is the way of Sacrifice. There may be some, indeed we know there are, who have not yet seen the vision in these terms and are not yet ready for all that it entails. The North Tamil Church Council has not yet seen its way to enter

the Union and there are other groups which are finding great difficulty. Let us not condemn them but rather try to enter into their doubts and fears and pray with all our hearts that God will help both us and them to keep our eyes fixed upon the Hills so that He can indeed bless our going out and our coming in to the praise of the glory of His grace and the extension of His Kingdom in this beloved land of India.

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Woman's Auxiliary



Notices

The Annual Life Members' Tea will be held on Friday, October 3rd, in All Saints' Parish Hall.

The W.A. branches of Pembina Deanery will hold their annual (1947) meeting in Onoway, on Tuesday, October 7th. The service of Holy Communion will be held at 11 a.m.; the Rev. Canon J. C. Matthews will be the celebrant.

Mrs. E. Hooper, the remaining Vice-President will preside at the business meeting which will be held after luncheon.

The Fall Board meeting will be held on the last Friday of October (Oct. 31) at All Saints'. The service of Holy Communion will be held at the usual hour of 10 o'clock in the Cathedral. Delegates are reminded to bring lunches. This meeting has been arranged in a central place in the hope that all the branches in the city and nearby country points may try to be represented. Reports of the Dominion Annual will be given by Mrs. H. Gutteridge and Mrs. E. W. de Laroque.

Mention must be made of the visit of the Dominion President and Executive Officers to this city on Friday, September 19. Eleven officers arrived in the city at 8 a.m. and were taken to the Corona Hotel for breakfast. At 11 a.m., through the kindness of several friends with cars our guests were taken by the members of Edmonton Diocesan Executive to Kapasiwin Church camp where a hot luncheon was prepared. A delightfully informal hour was spent around the fire-place.

Returning to the city, the Dominion officers were entertained to tea by Mrs. Barfoot at See House. At 6.30 p.m. 182 guests sat down to a delicious supper, prepared by the Young Women's Club of Christ Church.

Following short addresses by the Dominion officers before leaving for their trains, the usual business of a Board meeting was carried out.

The appreciation of this Board is offered to the Christ Church women who spared no efforts to make the

tables and stage so attractive and who served an excellent meal; and to the "drivers" who conveyed the party of forty to Kapasiwin.

A Reminder

The Diocesan Dorcas Secretary-Treasurer hopes that all Dorcas work will be sent to the Synod office (Dorcas room, c/o Mrs. H. J. Wilson) not later than October 1.

Another Reminder

The secretaries of the youth departments are anxious that all branch meetings begin NOW. They request Branch Presidents to consult with their Rectors to find suitable leaders for their groups. May the youth organizations this year function with more real zeal and enthusiasm than ever before! These girls and boys are an important part of the Church of to-day.

Educational

It is time to begin some study now. Ten minutes at least has been asked from Branch Presidents to allow their Educational secretaries to start some study about the Church's work. Such secretaries should invite other members to help them. When time is given for this "foundation stone" one sees signs of increased interest among the members of the branch.

The new pamphlet, "The Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of England in Canada" was pronounced the best statement of our work that has been printed.

St. Andrew's Day

Many branches are arranging services on the Sunday or following Monday. An offering, small or large, is asked for the Anglican Women's Training College. This should be sent to the Diocesan Treasurer, Mrs. Horace Reid, 10318 123rd St., as soon as possible after St. Andrew's Day. The A.W.T.C. has moved to its new headquarters and needs assistance in outfitting the rooms.

As Miss Margaret Cording will be a second year student there this year, our interest should be very keen.

United Thank Offering

The Secretary is very pleased to report that the sum of \$294.58 has been received for this Fund, showing an appreciable increase of \$128.38 over last year.

This was taken by our Delegate to the Dominion Annual, and placed on the Offertory Plate at the Corporate Communion. The money to be used for the training and Pensioning of Missionaries.

Excerpts from reports given by Dominion Officers at the Annual Meeting held in Paget Hall, Calgary, during the week of Sept. 15th.

From the Recording Secretary:

"We are happy to report a continued gain in membership of 3,884. The total membership now is 99,537". (Edmonton had a share in that too).

"23 new Dominion Life Members were included among the total of 343 names in the Dominion". You can read in the November **Living Message** how their fees of over \$1000 were used.

From the Candidates' Secretary:

"Our immediate needs are pressing: A nurse and doctor for China, a nurse and teacher for India, new missionaries soon for Japan. Matrons, teachers, supervisors, nurses and cooks for Indian schools. More Bishop's Messengers for missionary dioceses."

From the Dorcas Secretary-Treasurer:

"If every article of clothing and bedding asked for the children in our Indian schools were supplied, still there are needed: needles, thimbles, thread, scissors, buttons, tape, wool, darning needles, dish towels, hand towels, curtains, table cloths, bedding for staff members and other articles that are needed in any home."

Suggestions for Christmas Gifts:

For girls: Dolls, beads, sewing materials, hair ribbons, combs, purses, books, handkerchiefs, bobby pins, novelty jewellery.

For boys: Marbles, plastic or mechanical toys, books, balls, ties, games, mouth organs.

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Archdeacon James Hunter

by Rev. T. C. B. Boon, B.A.

III

In 1867, Archdeacon Hunter was appointed Vicar of St. Matthew's, Bayswater, London. During the fourteen years of his incumbency, the Church became a noted evangelical centre and the Archdeacon laid a foundation for missionary zeal which has been continued through the years and is still conspicuous in the present life of the Church.

St. Matthew's, under his pastorate, became so crowded that it was found necessary to build the present Church, and so that there would be as little disturbance to Services as possible, the new Church was built around and over the old Church, and the latter was not dismantled until the last possible moment. A correspondent of the "Bayswater Chronicle" added this personal note to the notice of the Archdeacon's death which took place on the evening of Sunday, February 12th, 1882, "It is only a few weeks since the Archdeacon waylaid me, as was his wont in Petersborough Place, and joyfully took me in for the third time to make a tour of the new Church. With simple and childlike delight, he took me into the beautiful new Baptistery, which, he said, his wife had kindly given to the Church on her last birthday in memory of their son. We admired the noble roof together, the carved stone capitals of the lower arches and the spot on the West Front where the life-sized statue of St. Matthew is to be placed. I shall cherish the recollection of this my last half hour with the Archdeacon. A simpler and truer man never lived."

The Archdeacon died before the new Church was finished, and his funeral was the first Service to take place within its walls. He is commemorated in the Church by the East Window and a simple monument on the North Wall of the Nave, which is surmounted by a bust, and bears the inscription "In loving memory of The Venerable James Hunter, D.D. Formerly Archdeacon of Rupert's Land who for fourteen years as Vicar of this Parish faithfully preached the Gospel in the old Church and whilst earnestly engaged in raising the present building was taken to his rest. Born April 25th, 1817. Died

February 12th, 1882. EXEGI MONUMENTUM AERE PERENNIS (I have finished a monument more enduring than brass).

Times have changed at The Pas and the Indian work is now separated from that of the townspeople. The present Christ Church, built by the Reverend John Hines (another notable missionary) in 1896, still flourishes, and there are three Churches in the Devon Mission, by which name surely the memory of its Devonshire founder is perpetuated. Old St. Andrew's and St. Clement's are no longer attended by folk wearing broadcloth and silks, but there is a very live Church at Lorkport which lies halfway between them. St. Matthew's, Bayswater, is still one of the great evangelical centres of Church life in London, but its missionary efforts are now directed towards the East instead of the West: it has a particular interest in the Diocese of Tinnevely in Southern India, and there are five other Missionary Societies which it actively supports.

Truly, the quotation from Horace is as fitting a tribute to the memory of James Hunter as the more famous one in St. Paul's Cathedral to its builder, Sir Christopher Wren.

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May the writer be permitted a personal note: My Mother attended St. Matthew's Church, Bayswater, when she was a girl and often spoken to me with appreciation of the Archdeacon.

Women of India Learn to Save

(Continued)

"An old Sikh gentleman came to see me, having arrived the previous night from the Frontier. He had two small boys with him. He said to me: 'These are all that I have left, my two small grandsons. I have travelled for six days to bring them to a place of safety; all the rest of my family and their parents, are killed; two weeks ago, we were a happy family of thirteen, three generations of us living together. Eight have been murdered, my two daughters

have been stolen away; I must go back to look for them. Won't you take the boys, I can pay for them.'

"What could one say? Surely Missions are just for times like these. I took the boys in—and since they have taken six more, cases just as tragic as this one.

"Indian Christians everywhere have been playing a great part in relief work, and Missions have done their share. It is really amazing how these people, non-Christians of three or four different communities are bringing their wives and children to Missions for safety—and it is a great advertisement for Christianity.

"We are in a very safe area here; there has been very little trouble in our District, nor do I expect any. But we are constantly besieged by poor Indian Christians from districts that are far from safe to take their boys. We need to have another fifty boys looked after and helped as you are helping. Food is going up tremendously in price; it is now costing us ten dollars a month to feed each boy with the simplest food—and this covers the bare cost of foodstuffs. Wheat and rice are rationed, vegetables and fruit are unobtainable—but we have the eternal GOAT, although even this has doubled in price since I was home last. Won't you help by trying to get some other church or group interested in a boy here? Our waiting list has some pretty needy cases, and I can assure you that the Indian church of the future is going to need all the leaders that we can train.

"Again—thanks for all that you are doing. It may seem very little to you, but it is making it possible for one more Indian Christian boy to get an education, to live in safety and health, and to have the chance to learn more about Christ.

"We have the Bishop with us now—twelve of our boys were confirmed last Sunday; eight of this group owe it all to you in Canada."

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NOTICE PAROCHIAL RETURNS

This is the time to prepare revised figures for the Parochial Returns for 1947.

Lists of Church families—of those confirmed—and of communicants need to be brought up to date. If re-valuation of Church property has not been made recently, this should be done—and insurance policies checked.

Much of the information asked for in the Annual Returns takes time to collect, especially in outside points. If

this were done now, much of the Return could be completed before the annual parish meeting.

The figures in these reports are most important in the diocesan office but they also form the basis of the Annual Report on the state of the Church in General Synod. Last year, because returns were late and woefully incomplete, their value was cut in half. More care and much more promptness is needed.

Copies will go out early in December and are to be completed and returned by **January 31st**.

Rural Deanery of Edmonton

ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL

The Very Rev. A. M. Trendell

The Rev. H. W. Buchner

With the return of the fall season, all the parish organizations have started their regular meetings again. The Senior Church School meets at 9:45 on Sundays and the Beginners at 11:00 to allow their parents to get to the service. A.Y.P.A. is meeting every Monday at 8:30 p.m. and the Chi Rho on the second and fourth Thursdays in the Hall. The Young People plan a short social hour every Sunday after Evensong. We hope that young people visiting or staying in the city will join us in these activities.

The Women's Auxiliary have commenced their fall activities, meetings being held the first Tuesday in the month at 2:30 p.m. The groups also hold meetings in the members' homes. A Harvest Home Supper is to be held under the auspices of the W.A., the tentative date being Friday, October 10th; also a rummage sale on October 30th in the Social Credit Rooms on Jasper Avenue.

We are very grateful to the Rev. Canon G. Crane-Williams for his kind services at the Cathedral while the Dean was away.

Anglican Advance payments on pledges have been coming in well, but we would like to repeat our request again to those who have made their pledges last year to All Saints and who have since moved away from the Parish, and ask them to send in the balance of their pledges to us.

A very lovely Harvest Festival and Flower Service was held on Sept. 14th at the All Saints' Mission Church School. The children brought the vegetables and fruit and decorated the Hall, and then at the service all present brought bouquets of flowers which were later taken to the Hospital. The Mission has been very beautifully re-decorated by the Mission W.A. They are to be congratulated for the great improvement in the appearance of the Hall.

CHRIST CHURCH, EDMONTON

The Rev. E. S. Ottley

The summer now seems definitely over and the regular work of the Church has again begun. All our organizations are in operation, and plans are under way in them all for another season of vigorous activity.

The Sunday School and Junior Church held their opening sessions on September 14th, and we are pleased to announce that by the time you read this the Junior Church will be under the direction of Mr. H. E. Smith. Mr. Purkis is continuing as Superintendent of the Sunday School and as General Secretary.

A new Company of Girl Guides is being organized under the leadership of Misses Kitty Wiggins and Betty Turner. This is something that has been lacking in the Parish for the past three years, and we are grateful to these young ladies for offering to undertake such a great task.

The 25th Troop of Boy Scouts, and their parents spent a most enjoyable evening on September 16th, when they welcomed back King's Scout Hermann Braams, who was one of Canada's representatives at the World Jamboree in Moissons, France, last month. Hermann gave an interesting account of his trip and experiences at the Jamboree, during the course of the evening, and made many of the boys wish they had had the privilege of such an experience.

We were most pleased to have as our special preacher on the morning of September 14th, Bishop Sovereign. A large congregation was present to welcome Bishop Sovereign, and all were challenged by his sermon on the

subject "You can't do what you please."

Next month we shall have several reports of interest: the Dinner for the members of the W.A. in honour of the visiting members of the Dominion Board, on September 19th; Harvest Festival Services on September 21st; and the W.A. Harvest Tea on September 26th.

We are all happy to see the Church grounds looking well-cared for again. Much remains to be done in the year that lies ahead, but we are looking forward to making this again the beauty spot it used to be.

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Most of our organizations are off to a good start. The A.Y.P.A. has been meeting after Evening Service, and the older members of the A.Y. are forming a branch of the Chi Rho Fellowship. All former members are invited. The monthly Communion and Breakfast has re-commenced, and will again be held on the third Sunday.

During the summer we said "good-bye" to several families all moving to the Coast, but we welcome most heartily a number of newcomers to our Congregation, and invite them to find their place in our congregational life by joining some organization of the Church.

Our Sunday Schools are now meeting at 11 a.m. and we see how necessary it is for extra accommodation. We hope before another winter to be able to hold Junior Church at 11 a.m. We welcome several new teachers on our staff, and express our thanks to those who have taught in the past.

Mother's Union: September meeting was held at Mrs. Marshall's home. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. C. Mison, and Mrs. Crook and Mrs. Doty convening. Mrs. Doty will provide speakers for October meeting.

W.A.: At the opening meeting of the W.A. plans were made for the annual bazaar, and date set for November 21, afternoon and evening.

Instead of the weiner roast previously planned, members decided to raise money for the Parish Hall Fund, by having individual Teas and Card Parties at their homes. No other activity will be held this fall, but members will make an all-out effort toward a bigger and better bazaar.

Parish Guild: Members are busy preparing for a rummage sale.

Choir: Choir practices have resumed and new members will be made welcome. Mrs. C. Manahan kindly placed her home at our disposal recently, and a sewing meeting was held in aid of our booth at the bazaar.

Young Women's Fellowship: There was an enthusiastic turn-out of members at the first meeting of the season. Several decided to attend the supper meeting of the annual Board Meeting of the W.A.

ST. FAITH'S

The Rev. L. M. Watts
The Rev. G. W. Wilson

A good deal has happened in this parish since our last report and we shall try to arrange things under headings.

The Rev. G. W. Wilson arrived on July 11th to assist the rector at St. Faith's and St. Michael and All Angels. Mrs. Wilson and the children arrived on August 13th, and a few days later they moved into their temporary home at 11408 95 St. An official welcome is to be extended to them at a congrega-

tional social evening, a report of which will appear next month. As we print a word of welcome to them here we do it to record the welcome they have already been given by the people of the parish as they have met them at various times and places. We are indeed glad of this help and we trust that their stay here will be happy and fruitful for all.

Canon and Mrs. Webster and family were guests at the rectory in mid July. Canon Webster preached at both services on July 13th. He and his family were returning from a holiday in England to their work among the Eskimos at Coppermine. Our prayers follow them.

Honour Roll: The Honour Roll was unveiled in the church on June 22nd at the morning service by Mrs. H. T. S. Parlee. At this service the rector dedicated a new Credence table made and put into place by Mr. Pirie, and also a pair of brass Altar vases given by the Sanctuary Guild and friends in memory of Mrs. Clough. Canon Clough preached the sermon.

Sunday School: The annual picnic was held at Borden Park on June 21st. It was a happy event. After two months holiday the Sunday School reopened on Sept. 7th. We begin the year with a good staff of teachers. The opening attendance indicates a good year ahead. A new branch of the Sunday School has been opened in the form of a beginners' group during the morning service. The children come to church with their parents and during the third hymn go down to the church room. Mrs. Field is the superintendent of this group, assisted by Eileen Field.

Rally Sunday: The rain on Sept. 7th was not favourable to a rally Sunday, and although the attendances were good, the spirit of the rally was caught on the following Sunday when the church was filled for the morning service.

W.A. The afternoon W.A. began the season's activities on Sept. 10th and the members have planned the harvest supper. We have pleasure in announcing here that the Harvest Supper will be served in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, October 7th. Tickets may be obtained from members of the W.A. or you may pay at the door. Adults, 50c; Children, 30c.

The evening W.A. held a successful Rummage Sale on June 21st and on June 24th a social evening was enjoyed at the rectory. The social took the form of a shower for Miss Ethel Smith (as she was then). Verses with hidden meanings and gifts provided fun for all, especially the guest of honour. This group began their meetings for the season on Sept. 3rd.

The Intermediate girls are meeting each week under their leader Miss Pryor, and the Junior W.A. leadership has been undertaken by Mrs. Melnyk. She succeeds Miss Douglas who is unable to carry on this year. A new group of girls, to fill the gap between the

Intermediates and Juniors, is being called together for an opening meeting at the rectory. Mrs. Field has offered to supervise this group.

Mrs. Hutt, who has been in charge of the Church Boys' League, has met with an unfortunate accident. We extend our sympathy to her, and we shall try to carry on until she returns.

The little helpers' branch is in its usual flourishing condition.

Presentation: At a social evening in the hall on June 24th, a silver tray was presented to Mr. Vincent Young and Miss Ethel Smith. They were married in the Church on June 28th. Our good wishes are extended to them.

In Memoriam: We miss Mrs. Bissell and Mrs. White who passed to higher service during the summer. They were both active members of the W.A. and we record our grateful remembrance of them.

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ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

The Annual Sunday School picnic was held in the Church grounds on June 27th. Mrs. Byers and the teachers and other helpers served attractive refreshments from the hall after the races had been run.

On Sunday, Sept. 7th, the new service arrangements were begun, and whilst the weather was unfavourable that day, the following Sunday attendance was most encouraging.

On Thursday, Sept. 11th, at a meeting of the Ladies' Circle it was decided that there be a harvest supper in the parish hall on Monday, Sept. 29th. The supper is to be held on the Patronal Festival. A further report of this will appear in a later issue.

ST. LUKE'S, EDMONTON

Prior to the departure of Canon and Mrs. Hatfield for Alert Bay, B.C., a social evening was held in the Parish Hall. The congregation were joined by the Rutherford Home and School Association, of which Canon Hatfield was President for 3 years, and other friends in the community. After a few musical items several presentations were made. Canon and Mrs. Hatfield were the recipients of a wallet and purse respectively, and a mahogany coffee table. Don received a suitcase and David a pen-and-pencil set. The signatures and addresses of the subscribers had been obtained and these lists were gathered into a red fabrikoid binder, providing a lasting memento of the many friends who wish them Godspeed and good fortune in their new home.

The appointment of Canon Wallis to the Parish has been made and the congregation hope that it will not be long before he will be able to take up the work. We assure both Canon and Mrs. Wallis a warm welcome.

ST. MARK'S

The Rev. E. Elliott

All organizations are active again after their two month's holiday. The Sunday School has new teachers on the staff, including Miss Margaret Coles and Miss Dorothy Hudson. The Cubs are anticipating an enterprising year, and had a good opening attendance. A number of new members have joined the choir. The new organist and choir leader is Mrs. J. Giles.

The W.A. are planning a Harvest Supper on Wednesday, October 1st. Everyone is looking forward to this occasion, and we hope there will be a good attendance. The Harvest services will be held on the last Sunday in September.

The church property has been improved by the gravelling of the avenue. This will make the church more accessible.

A men's working bee recently repaired the chairs in the Parish Hall. They did a very good job, and we thank them for this assistance.

Throughout the summer there were a number of Baptisms, including Carell Adrien Hawkins, Robert John Peel, Donald Keith Spence, Norman Leslie James Dent, Patrick Joseph Callahan, Michael Dennis Callahan and Margaret Ann Callahan.

ST. MARY'S

The Rev. W. T. Elkin

During the absence of the Rector and his family in August, when they enjoyed a holiday in Ontario, the evening services were discontinued. Thanks are extended to the Rev. L. M. Watts, Mr. E. Currey, Mr. L. A. Exham and Mr. R. T. Williams for conducting the morning services.

The afternoon group W.A. resumed their fall meetings on Sept. 8th, the meeting being opened with a short service of re-dedication in the church. Plans were made for a Pie Social in the Parish Hall on Friday, Oct. 10th at 8:30 p.m., tickets to be obtained from members of the group at 25c each. A Rummage Sale has also been arranged and will be held in the Social Credit Rooms, Jasper Ave., East, on Friday, Oct. 17th at 9 a.m. Donations of clothing, books, etc., for this sale are solicited from members of the congregation, and should be taken to the Parish Hall on Thursday, Oct. 16th. between 2 and 4 p.m. It is hoped these events will receive the hearty support of the congregation and their friends.

The Sunday School re-opened on Sept. 7th, with an increase in enrolment. We regret the departure from the teaching staff of Mrs. C. Asp and Mr. Don Hiron, but welcome Mrs. W. P. Marquardt, Mrs. R. M. Saunders, Mrs. A. Radke and Mr. P. Mopplebeck as new teachers. There is still need for two additional teachers in the Beginners' Department.

The fall activities have begun for all the youth groups in the parish, with the A.Y.P.A. meeting on Sunday evening after church, the G.A. on Thursdays at 7.15 p.m., and the Jr. W. A. on Fridays at 4.15 p.m. The Juniors met on Friday, Sept. 12th with 16 members present. The 1947-48 programme was outlined, and it was decided to concentrate on the handicraft course, with Miss Nan Clark instructing in shellcraft, Miss Mona Rogers in woodcraft, Mrs. Potter in leathercraft and Mrs. Robinson helping the new members to dress a doll for a mission hospital. The next meeting will take the form of a hike, when the girls will collect willow, birch bark, and caragana for the woodwork classes.

Most of the Jrs. will participate in a weekly plunge at the Y.W.C.A. under the supervision of Miss Rogers and Mrs. Potter.

After many months of faithful service, Mrs. Marsh, our parish correspondent for the Churchman, has found it necessary to give up her duties, and we take this opportunity of recording our thanks to her for a task well done. It is hoped that some member of the congregation

who reads these notes will volunteer to assume the responsibility of parish correspondent for the Churchman.

Holy Baptism:

Darbue Carter, Thomas Wesley Benson Heard, Barbara Edith Suss, John Douglas Dawe, Jennifer Diane Merryweather.

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ST. STEPHEN'S

The Rev. C. E. F. Wolff

The Rector of St. Stephen's has arranged for consecutive instructions in the Articles of the Apostle's Creed and their relevance to modern life. This is to be comprised in a series of sermons, at mid-week services on Wednesday evenings commencing at 8 p.m., by the rectors of various city parishes.

Harvest festival will be observed at St. Stephen's on Sunday, Oct. 5th.

Members of last year's senior A.Y.P.A. have formed themselves into a new organization known as the Chi Rho. With the conclusion of the holiday season, the Junior A.Y.P.A. has returned to activity. Attendance at the Church school also is returning to normal proportions.

The Rector is grateful to the assistance, while he was on holiday, rendered by the Rev. Father Scandrett, of Ogema, Saskatchewan, the Rev. Canon Crane-Williams, and the Rev. L. M. Watts, rector of St. Faith's.

All parish organizations have now resumed activities, meeting as follows: Vestry, first Mondays at 8.15 p.m.; Willing Workers, first and third Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m.; Chi Rho Fellowship, second and fourth Mondays at 8.30 p.m.; Altar Guild, second Tuesday at 2.45 p.m.; A.Y.P.A., Fridays at 8 p.m.; Guides, Mondays at 7 p.m.; Cubs, Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m.; Scouts, Tuesdays, at 8 p.m.; Brownies, Wednesdays at 4.30 p.m.; Choir, Thursdays at 8 p.m.

The church building fund is still in need of subscriptions, which are invited from all parishioners and adherents who appreciate warmth and comfort in the pews.

R.I.P.—John Quinn, aged 62.

Baptism—Louise Helen Rowe.

Rural Deanery of Pembina

ST. MARY'S, BARRHEAD

The Rev. D. V. A. Browne

The Rev. S. J. Bell of Wetaskiwin was a visitor to the parish and addressed appreciative congregations at St. Philip's, Westlock, St. Luke's, Clyde and St. Mary's, Barrhead on Aug. 31.

The W.A. held their monthly meeting on Sept. 3rd at the home of Mrs. H. Staniland. It was decided to have a chicken supper, under the convensorship of Mrs. M. Bennett, on Oct. 22 in the Community Hall for the purpose of helping to reduce the debt on the Vicarage. Plans were also discussed for a bazaar to be held in November.

The favorite flowers of Mrs. T. Weekes, who died on Aug. 25, were placed in the church in her memory on Aug. 31 by members of her family.

Baptism: Jill Doreen Ewart.

A one-week mission will be conducted by the Rev. F. A. Peake, of Ponoka, beginning on Sunday, Oct. 5,

ST. PAUL'S, LEDUC

The Bishop of the Diocese paid a visit to our church recently. He was accompanied by Mrs. Barfoot.

The W.A. held their September meeting at the home of Mrs. N. Wilkinson. Imaginary Tea Money was handed in. The President, Mrs. Moss gave a talk on W.A. programmes. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. F. M. Pow.

The Sunday School was reopened September 14th.

The congregation wish to welcome Mr. James Gilmore of Windsor, Ont. and Mr. Colin of Edmonton, also Mr. R. Reeves to our parish.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN**ST. GEORGE'S**

The Rev. W. W. Buxton

The fall activities of the parish are in full swing. The W.A. has planned for its annual Thanksgiving supper next month. This year they will sponsor a dance also.

A series of card parties will be held commencing at the end of October. It is hoped that a good sum will be raised to further swell the funds for the repair work which is necessary to the foundation of the church and to the making of a basement parish hall.

Plans are in the making for the sponsoring of another operetta by the parish. This is arousing great interest everywhere.

A meeting to be held next Sunday for the formation of a senior choir may have splendid results. We earnestly hope so.

The Sunday school has reopened and if any fine fall weather develops, the children are earnestly hoping that we have an outing.

A splendid year of progress is anticipated by everyone.

den for many years, and Mrs. Johnson a great worker in our W.A. They will all be greatly missed from among us. They were presented with a coffee table and table lamp at a gathering in the rectory. We wish them every success in their new home.

The Bishop made his visit up the branch the end of June, which is always one of the highlights of the year.

Lantern slides on India, which were arranged for by the W.A., were shown in the church in July.

Our Vicar is being moved to the parish of Vermilion to take up his new duties. Mr. and Mrs. Teape have been with us four years and they and their two children have endeared themselves to us all. It is with deep regret we see them depart. We do not expect to have regular service for some time. Mr. Teape's farewell sermon is Sept. 21st.

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Coppinger Sept. 3rd after being closed for the summer months. Miss Docherty, the vice-president, will be our president for the present time. We are planning our bazaar for November. Our U.T.O. sent in in June was greatly increased.

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ST. PHILLIP'S, WESTLOCK

The Ladies' Guild met at the home of Mrs. S. Sands on Sept. 3rd. Among many things discussed were the plans for the fall bazaar.

CHRIST CHURCH, JARVIE

Burial: Edward Kenneth Plant, on Aug. 28 in the Jarvie cemetery.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CADOMIN

Mr. H. A. Johnson, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, was moved to Milo early in June. Mr. Johnson was Vicar's War-

ST. CATHERINE'S, EDSON

Mr. Owen Johnston, who has been in charge of this parish during the summer months, has left for the east. His energetic work in Edson, particularly among the young people, has been greatly appreciated.

Canon Clough conducted a Communion service on the 14th of September.

Flowers were placed in the church in memory of Mr. Frank Glover during the latter half of August, these being given by Mrs. Pyper.

ST. MARY AND ST. GEORGE, JASPER

The Rev. T. C. B. Boon

St. Mary's has been greatly appreciated by the visitors to Jasper this summer, and it has been a particular pleasure to see a number of the young people on the summer staff of the Lodge amongst our most regular attendants. The church does fill a definite need for those on holidays here, who are not unmindful of their duty to God when away from their own parish churches.

The Sunday school re-opened on the first Sunday in September with a fair attendance. In the senior school the children are very pleased with their new work books in Course No. 8, and the younger ones especially so with the new Junior Activity Book which is quite thrilling. School is starting now at 9:45 a.m. in order to get in the full hour, and the first fifteen minutes is being devoted to a study of the Book of Common Prayer. The Junior School is again being taught by Misses Shirley Clark, Bernice Thrasher and Lorraine Wachter, our capable and faithful young teachers of last year.

The Senior W.A. recommenced its regular meetings again on September 10th, and immediately began to plan an active campaign for raising funds for the church here. We are always astonished by the amount of work accomplished by this small and faithful group of women.

The Evening Branch of the W.A. has also started its work again. Three new members were present, which was encouraging since the branch has lost two during the summer who have been very active in the support of the work. Miss Irene Phay, who has gone to Wetaskiwin, and Miss Ruth Atkinson, who left on 15th September for Australia. A corporate Communion for the branch was arranged for the evening of September 14th as it was the last service that Ruth would be able to be present at in the church of which she has been a very faithful member during her residence in Jasper, and later a social hour was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. Ken. Alexander when she was presented with a number of pretty handkerchiefs by the members. Miss Atkinson has been the very capable Social Service Secretary of the branch;

she will be missed very much and we wish her God-speed.

The Girls' Auxiliary resumed work on 17th September. We are fortunate in having Mrs. Jack Kilgour and Mrs. J. Corrins to take over the work, and we are sure that it will be most successful under their direction.

The Junior Branch of the W.A. has also started up again under the inspiring leadership of Mrs. Peterson, and we have no doubt that the same keen spirit will be displayed, and the same high standard of work maintained which has now become characteristic of it.

The Vestry met on September 9th and had a good meeting. Good reports with regard to the summer months were received from Mr. Coupland, the People's Warden but some concern was felt about the financial situation during the rest of the year. A number of our regular envelope subscribers have left Jasper recently to reside elsewhere, and we should be very glad to replace them with others. If you can take envelopes, which is the best way of supporting the church, please get in touch with Mr. Coupland. To help out the situation the vestry is sponsoring three whist drives (October 1st, 15th and 29th) which will be directed by Mr. Wachter.

Holy Matrimony: On August 30th, John Clifford Kilgour (formerly of Edmonton) to Una Mary Lewis (formerly of Worcester, England).

ST. JOHN'S, ONOWAY

Canon J. C. Matthews

Sunday service at St. John's is at 11 a.m. every week.

Sunday school in the Parish Hall after the service in church.

Church school on Wednesday in Parish Hall at 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Reiner is the superintendent; Miss Bunny Dixon, secretary, and Miss Catherine Looker the treasurer.

The W.A. has resumed its sessions again and appointed Tuesday, Oct. 7th, for the Deanery meeting.

Mrs. Edwin Coates passed away at her home at Bilby on Sept. 1st. She was laid to rest in the church cemetery on September 3rd. Rose Marie Gadbois was baptized on Sunday, August 31.

The service at Duffield is at 11 a.m. on the second Sunday in the month and at 3 p.m. on the fourth. The road is gravelled all the way now from the highway to Mr. Harry Tyrrell's house on the hill, making it a lot easier to get around. There was a very fine turnout on the 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Scandrett are settled at Entwistle opposite the post office. They have had a visit from Jack, who is rector of Ogema in Saskatchewan. diocese of Qu'Appelle. Jack had a service at Evansburg and baptized two children. On August 24th, Kenneth Laurence Feldberg and Donald Harvey Feldberg.

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Wabamun: About 20 panes of glass were broken by the hail storm in the church parish hall and vicarage at Wabamun. Miss Margerison has begun Sunday school again.

At St. Paul's, **Evansburg**, Mr. John E. Seedhouse was married to Miss Elsie G. Galpin on August 29th.

September 14th at St. Paul's were baptized: Burton Robert Brooks, Judy Evelyn Frances Brooks, Betty Ruth Welsh, Gerald James Welsh, Gary Edwin James Able, Beverly Helen Brooks, Raymond Earl Brooks.

Rural Deanery of Vermilion

ST. SAVIOUR'S, VERMILION

The Rev. T. W. Teape
At a meeting of St. Saviour's W.A. held in the home of Mrs. A. C. Linsdell on September 11th, Mrs. W. Leversedge was the recipient of a beautiful bouquet of gladioli and a small gift as a token of affectionate regard and appreciation of her work as president of the W.A. during the past year. Sincere good wishes for future health and happiness in their new parish were also extended to Archdeacon Leversedge, who arrived later in the afternoon, accompanied by our new rector, the Rev. T. W. Teape, who was warmly welcomed.

Following Mrs. Leversedge's resignation, which was accepted by the members with very sincere regret, Mrs. A. G. Sinclair was unanimously chosen to act as president for the remainder of the year.

ST. MARY'S CLANDONALD

The Rev. W. J. Brant
At the time of writing Clandonald is experiencing wet weather and harvesting is at a standstill. We are sorry to know that the work on the vicarage is also at a standstill.

On Sept. 4th the W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Bull when 11 members and two visitors attended. Much business was done and a pleasant time spent. The hostess served a sumptuous lunch which was enjoyed by all.

Several W.A. members gathered at the home of Mrs. Souder to quilt a bedthrow. To finish up the evening a nice lunch was served by Mesdames Souder, Wilkinson and Stockwell. Sunday, Sept. 7th, a rally was to be held in the church by the Sunday school but owing to wet weather it had to be abandoned. We hope this will take place in the near future. Our Sunday school has made a nice start.

Holy Baptism: August 14th, Frederick Carlton Christon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Christon.

ST. JOHN'S, KITSCOTY

In August we were happy to have a visit from the Bishop and all enjoyed his message very much. After even-

ALL SANTS, SEBA BEACH

Services have been held regularly during July and August, Holy Communion followed by morning prayer. We are grateful to the Ven. S F Tackaberry for giving us these services.

On August 31st a children's service was held at 11 a.m. instead of the usual morning prayer when three members of the J.W.A. were admitted and given their badges. There were also two baptisms: William Keith Deibe. Harvey Charles Matthews. On August 17th, Patsy Olive Gardener.

We are looking forward to the visit of our Bishop for the Harvest Thanksgiving service on the 28th September.

song we had the pleasure of visiting with him at a social gathering at the home of Mrs. Apperson.

On Sept. 11th we had a good W.A. meeting with only one member absent and with four visitors, one of them all the way from England. All members were pleased to hear that Mr. Teape is coming to Vermilion and hope soon to see him.

Our next service will be on Sept. 21st when we hope to have our Harvest Festival.

CHRIST CHURCH, MANNVILLE

The Rev. V. P. Cole

The regular monthly meeting of the Senior W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. W. Hamilton on Sept. 2nd.

With the commencement of the new school year the Girls' Auxiliary, Sunday School, Scouts and Cubs are again meeting each week.

The Sunday school reopened on Sunday, Sept. 7th, with a flower service. Each pupil brought a bouquet of flowers which were placed in a special Cross and transformed it into a very beautiful symbol of our Christian faith. We hope to have more teachers this year to help our faithful staff.

We will all be very sorry to say "Good-bye" to Miss Mildred Jones who is leaving Mannville this month. She will be greatly missed in the Sunday school, choir and young people's, and all other church activities. We wish her every success in her new vocation.

A Junior Choir has been organized and at the present we have 12 mem-

bers. We hope in the near future to have them in choir robes.

Baptism: Sharon Marie Emsland, St. Helen's, Stellaville.

ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILEY

The monthly W.A. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Hollyoake with a good attendance. Final plans to entertain Mannville W.A. at the October meeting were made. The Vermilion deanery report was read. The arrival of the Christmas cards by the next meeting was reported but distribution of same were to be left until the November meeting. Further subscriptions to the "Living Message" were left until December. It was reported that W. H. Bowers was attending to the screens for the church.

A church service was held on Sept. 14 and will be held again on Sept. 28.

ST. MARY'S, VEGREVILLE

The Rev. H. G. Brant

The vicar obtained a car early in August which greatly facilitates his work in the parish. The congregation held a social evening Tuesday, August 19th, at the home of Mrs. R. Dunn. A very pleasant evening was spent, climaxed by a sing-song. A Sunday school picnic was held on Sunday, August 31, immediately following morning service. Everyone enjoyed themselves, especially the children to whom the highlight of the afternoon was the serving of ice cream.

The W.A. held a sale of home cooking Saturday, July 26, which was highly successful and netted a substantial amount. The monthly meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. W. Duholke Friday, August 29, Mrs. G. McIntosh assisting. The date for the fall bazaar was set for Saturday, October 25.

An executive meeting of the Sunday school was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Duholke. As Mr. and Mrs. Duholke are leaving Vegreville shortly Mr. Brant assumed the office of superintendent of the Sunday school. Beatrice Hayter was elected secretary-treasurer. Most of the credit for the work of the Sunday school during the past two years goes to Mr. and Mrs. Duholke. We regret very much to see them move away.

Also, because Mr. Duholke is leaving it became necessary to elect a new People's Warden. For this purpose a

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special congregation meeting was called on Sunday, September 14, after the morning service. Mr. Geo. Warren was elected.

Baptism: Richard Kenneth Ward, Sunday, September 7th.

Burial: Mr. George Henry Hallam, of Ranfurly, September 5th.

WHITFORD

Due to road conditions we have had only one church service since our

Rural Deanery of Wainwright

WAINWRIGHT DEANERY MEETING

The members of the Wainwright Deanery assembled at Edgerton on Friday, September 12th. The session opened with the sacrament of the Holy Communion, with the rector of Edgerton acting as celebrant. Following the service a luncheon was served by our charming hostess, Mrs. W. D. Ellway. After luncheon a Deanery picture was taken for our historical records. Following this, the meeting was called to order by the Rural Dean, and the Rev. F. E. Smith was appointed secretary of the chapter. During the business session it was resolved to call a Laymen's Conference during March of 1948 at which it is hoped we will have the pleasure of a visit from either the Bishop or Arch-deacon Tackaberry. It was resolved to hold the next clerical meeting at Viking in November at which the Rev. W. D. Ellway will read a paper on Church Union. The following letter was sent to Archbishop Kingston. "We, the Clergy and Laity of the Deanery of Wainwright, Alberta, in the Diocese of Edmonton, assembled at Edgerton on this twelfth day of September, 1947, wish to convey to you this our expression of congratulation and loyalty. We pledge our loyalty to you as Primate of the Church of England in Canada. We pledge our fidelity to the great principles for which our church stands. We promise to you our fullest co-operation in the great task which faces us and we pray that God may be with us."

Following the business session the Rural Dean delivered a most able exposition upon the gospel of St. Luke, which was appreciated and enjoyed by all. The session closed with evensong conducted by the Rev. E. N. P. Orme.

last report. Our time has been changed from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Rev. H. G. Brant has been doing some visiting throughout our parish and is very welcome any time he is able to do so again.

Our sincere wishes go to Mr. A. M. Boutillier for a speedy recovery from his illness.

Holy Baptism: September 7th, John Richard, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mennie, of Edmonton. (Mrs. Mennie is a very welcome British war bride-

suffered accordingly, as also the harvesting. However, it is hoped that the weather will clear at an early date so that harvesting will be completed in time for Harvest services early in October.

ST. MATTHEW'S, VIKING

The regular monthly meeting of the W.A. was held in the Parish Hall Sept. 11th, with seven members present.

We were pleased to welcome the Vicar at the tea hour. It was decided that the annual bazaar be held Nov. 1st, further plans to be made next month. We wish to thank Mr. Percy Kelcey, Mrs. R. Clark and Mrs. Meredith for very kindly giving flowers for the altar from their gardens. The church has been beautifully kept all summer.

Our thanks is extended also to Miss Joyce Howells for playing the organ in the absence of Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Smith, who were away on holidays. Quite a large number of church calendars were ordered which will make nice Christmas presents.

The Vicar held extra services during

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HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

The Rev. E. N. P. Orme

The regular monthly meeting of the Senior W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. W. J. Bailey on Sept. 4th, at 2:30 p.m. with an attendance of twelve members. The devotional part of the meeting was taken by Mr. Orme, followed by the thankoffering prayer and the prayer partner prayer by the individual secretaries. The Dorcas secretary, Mrs. H. J. Bailey, thanked the ladies who assisted in the making of the six dresses for the girls at an Indian residential school. Church cleaning was also arranged for each service. As W.A. funds were somewhat low the chief item of business was the arranging for a chicken supper to be held in the Curling rink on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Various committees were formed and it is hoped the weather man will favor us so that our members, adherents and friends will be able to support us in this undertaking.

The next important events will be the Harvest Festival Services to be held probably towards the middle of October—exact date to be announced later.

RODINO

A well attended meeting of the W.A. met on Thursday, August 21st, at the home of Mrs. Ian Daniel, just north of Kinsella. A good report was received on the recent picnic and arrangements were made for the fall bazaar, with the distribution of materials, etc. Mr. Orme was able to attend this meeting and join in the happy gathering.

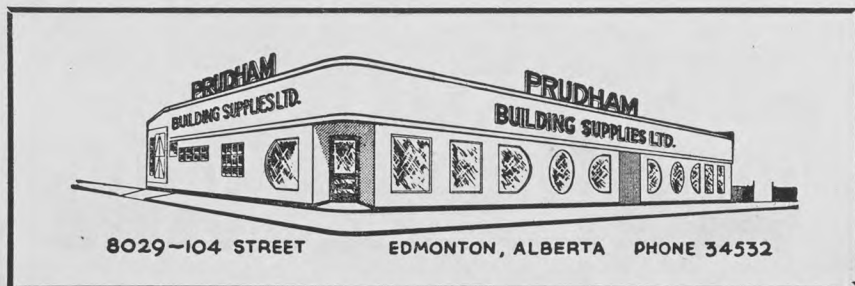
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August, at which several of our out of town members were present. Harvest Festival services will be held in October, date not yet arranged. All flowers from the altar were taken to hospital.

WAINWRIGHT

The Rev. F. E. Smith

We would like to express our gratitude to the following gentlemen who conducted services whilst the rector was at camp: Mr. Thommen, Mr. H. Targett and Mr. Byrne.

Owing to inclement weather our church has not yet received its fresh coat of paint. However, the windows, etc. have all been re-putted and are now in good shape for painting. Mr. Carmen Coleman has kindly consented to loan us his new paint spraying machine for the work. It is such ready co-operation as this which makes work in the Wainwright parish a pleasure.

Sunday School: The Sunday school has now been reorganized ready for the winter's work. A supper party for the children has been arranged for September 24th, at which we hope to present a moving picture programme.

Rally Day: A rally day service was held on Sunday, September 14th, at which the rector appealed for workers in all departments of the churches work.

Day Schools: Owing to the splendid co-operation of the town School Board, the rector has now been granted the privilege of teaching the Bible to the higher grades.

ST. MARY'S, EDGERTON

The Rev. W. D. Ellway

With the conclusion of the holiday period it is gratifying to see an increase in the number of those attending divine worship each Sunday, but

the increase is at Evensong only. Let us remind ourselves that the central service of our Church of England is the service of Holy Communion and that it is a duty, and more than a duty, a privilege, for us to attend. The end of the holidays has also brought a resumption of the attendance of the choir at Evensong, and we welcome the new members while regretting the loss of so many of the older ones. There is room still for a few more members. Sunday school, too, has re-started and immediately the cry is for more teachers. If anyone can help in this way they will be more than welcome and will be helping on one of the more important parts of the work of the church.

The W.A. held their monthly meeting for September on the 4th at the rectory.

A vestry meeting was held at the rectory on September 11th.

On September 12th the clergy of the Wainwright Deanery held a Deanery meeting at Edgerton under the leadership of the Rev. E. N. P. Orme, Rural Dean, Rector of Tofield. The business meeting was preceded by Holy Communion, celebrated by the rector and concluded with Evensong said by the Rev. E. N. P. Orme.

ST. PATRICK'S, HEATH

The usual well attended services and Sunday school have been carried on throughout the month.

The W.A. held their regular monthly meeting in the church a week later than usual on account of Mrs. H. Herbert's funeral. We all sympathize greatly with Mr. Herbert and his family in their loss. Mrs. Herbert was buried at Wainwright on August 28th and the esteem in which she was held was evident by the large number who went from Heath to the service.

The W.A. have arranged to make a quilt for the Dorcas Society.

Rural Deanery of Wetaskiwin

CAMROSE

Canon A. Wallis

The big news in our parish this month is that our rector has accepted a call to St. Luke's church in Edmonton. "And so

The old order changeth, yielding place to new,
And God fulfills Himself in many ways . . ."

That is the main thing, isn't it, that God fulfills Himself, and that we may share in the "many ways." It is not easy to be the "voice of the people" even for a few hundred words, but it does seem that though we are facing great responsibilities and most difficult times, we must remember that behind us we have the Lord God of the Universe, with His infinite power and might. If we are steadfast and true to our trust, we cannot fail.

ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

Canon A. Wallis

The combined vestries of St. Dunstan's, Bittern Lake, and St. Andrew's, Camrose, held a meeting at the rectory in August, on the occasion of a visit from the Bishop. After the meeting Mrs. Wallis served a delicious lunch and a pleasant social hour was much enjoyed.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. Wm. Chambers in the loss of his wife, Lila Chambers, and to their six little children. Interment took place in the Wetaskiwin cemetery Sept. 2nd, Canon Wallis officiating.

ST. MARY'S, PONOKA

The Rev. F. A. Peake

Our sincere thanks are extended to the Rector of Wetaskiwin, the Rev. S. J. Bell, for his kindness in coming down to take the services during July and August. We fear that on several occasions the congregations were very small.

Now that summer holidays are over organizations are getting under way again and plans are being laid for the winter's work. Members of the Vestry have been reading the report "Towards the Conversion of England" and look forward to an address on September 23rd from Mr. L. D. Byrne, chairman of the Diocesan Committee on Faith and Action.

Both groups of the W.A. have recommenced their meetings and the afternoon group have kindly offered to provide some more Prayer Books for the church.

The Department of Religious Education has also taken up its work once more. The Sunday school is to meet at 10 o'clock as in previous years, although we still look forward to the time when with adequate buildings the school session and the morning service can be held simultaneously. The teachers are Mesdames Campbell, Howell, McMahon, Schurman and Stretch. A course in Christian Doctrine for confirmation candidates is to be given by the Vicar on Thursday afternoons, and the Adult Study Group will meet on Thursday evenings.

At present we are waiting for delivery of a new Tri-purpose S.V.E. projector which we hope will prove very useful in many phases of parochial work.

SEDGEWICK, KILLAM, HARDISTY, LOUGHEED AND HUGHENDEN

The Rev. W. Brooks

KILLAM: The autumn activities commenced with a W.A. meeting at the home of Mrs. White. There was a very good attendance and plans were completed for a tea and sale of work to be held in October. We ask all our congregation to watch for the date of this event and to give it all their support possible. The services here are

Joanna and Ardis Stewart went to Kapasiwin this year. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, Marilyn and John went up to fetch them home and stayed a few days. It is good to know that they found the camp as wonderful as we said, and they hope to go again. Ardis edited the "Kapasiwin Echo."

We are glad to welcome Mr. Clarke into the Sunday school.

The G.A. have commenced to plan things for their future activities, and Mrs. Shuman will look after the preparations.

The W.A. and groups are continuing their meetings after the summer holidays. We were pleased to have Mrs. Cliff Bradley and Mrs. Max Henry with us at our last W.A. meeting.

Holy Matrimony: James George Tuff, Bernice Angelina Rose Kuntz; Emery J. Fults, Janette Ann McCulloch.

Baptism: Janet Monica Galenza.

very well attended and the loyalty of members is seen in that whenever conditions permit they travel considerable distances to be present. We are glad to welcome Mrs. Whitmore whose journey of 20 miles each Sunday is worthy of high mention, and we are glad to see Mrs. Alan Robson and family with us at our services. We thank the ladies of Killam who help us in our task of visiting the hospital, all too often we are uninformed of admissions and were it not for these ladies there would be some overlooked. To all congregations in this area we again draw your attention to the rubric in the B.C.P. page 351.

SEDGEWICK: The W.A. held their meeting at the rectory this month and completed plans for a fall sale of work. There was a good turn out, and we welcome three new members together with older ones who were present.

The Sunday school is again under way, Mr. C. Bearistow and Mrs. Adamson again piloting the work with the help of Misses Blackman, Rose and Paget. Miss Paget is a recent resident of this parish and employed by the B. of M. We are very glad to take this opportunity to welcome her and sincerely hope her stay here will be a happy one.

A painting bee was held by the ladies when they met to finish the new chairs in the parish hall, and the finished product is very pleasing.

Early in the month Mrs. Laura McKee, who had been ill for some time, died, and her many friends paid their last respects at the funeral. We extend to the family our deepest sympathy and ask them to think of this event in their lives as "gain through loss."

LOUGHEED: We are glad with the response from this congregation. The attendance is increasing in number, and we are attempting the beginning of a S.S. with Mrs. Kirkman, Mrs. Shannon, and Mrs. Thomas, Jr., as our nucleus of helpers. Let us hope this will be a permanent thing in the church here. Repairs have been done to the church roof which we sincerely hope will now keep out the rain and allow the interior decorating to proceed. Under the guidance of the president of the W.A. work was completed on the doors at the church and they now have the appearance of brightness and cleanliness that one expects in the house of God. For this work and further items that are planned we thank all who are so keenly interested and have given so freely of their time.

Baptism: Vikki Lynn Whitead, daughter of Albert and Belva Whitead, Sept. 7. 1947.

HARDISTY: There was a well attended meeting of this keen branch of the W.A. on Sept. 3rd at the home of Mrs.

Kendrick. After the usual business was disposed of there was discussion of fall activities, and the ladies agreed to purchase a full set of chalice veils in liturgical colors. This will add considerable effectiveness to our services here, and it indicates the desire of the people at this point to have their church as something to be proud of.

As further evidence of this intention we now have a beautiful maroon dossal curtain behind the altar, part of the planned improvements and intention, to have "all things decent and in order." It gives one the greatest pleasure to see this sort of response, and we thank everyone concerned.

The heartiest of greetings are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Downham who on Sept. 4th celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They were married in St. Swithin's Church, Lincoln, Lincs., where Mr. Downham was a member of the police force, and moved to the Hardisty area in the early days. They retired from the farm after many years work there and settled in Hardisty. The W.A. and other friends met at the Downham home to congratulate the couple on their 50 years of married life. A beautiful tea was served and an appropriate speech was given by Mr. Trupp to which Mr. Downham ably replied. Flowers and presents were given to the couple as a token of the high esteem with which they are regarded. The highlight of the day were the press photographs taken in the garden amid the flowers. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Downham many more years of happily married life.

On the 13th of September a sale of work was held under the W.A. auspices. Adverse weather conditions reduced attendance, but the rewards of this activity were not too bad at all.

To Mrs. Ball we extend sincere regards and hope for a full and quick recovery from her recent illness.

HUGHENDEN: The autumn meeting of the W.A. was held here and activities are again proceeding. Weather conditions have curtailed our visiting so far but we are looking forward to some better weather in the near future to continue this. We are glad to report that Mr. Stubbs is again home and appears better than ever. It is our hope he will continue to improve rapidly. It is hoped that Mr. Betts will resume duties as Lay Reader to facilitate a second service each month, and we hope to discuss this at an early date and vestry meeting.

To all people of this area please take note of the following schedule for Harvest Services:

Sept. 28, 3:00 p.m.—Hughenden.
Oct. 5, 3:00 p.m.—Lougheed.
Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m.—Killam.
Oct. 12, 11:00 a.m.—Hardisty.
Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m.—Sedgewick.

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Important Notice to All Members

Due to a 25 per cent increase in the cost of printing and paper for the **Living Message**, the price had to be increased from the 50 cent annual subscription to 75 cents.

Shall we, in this diocese, who have been trying so hard to put the **Living Message** into every home, urge every subscriber to meet this new increase so that our subscriptions may even be more than at present? It might be that branch funds could take care of the extra twenty-five cents. Let us not go backwards.

Regional Girls' Work Secretary

Miss Arva Stewart will return to this diocese for the month of October, and again in the New Year, for February, March and April.

At an adult Bible class a member rose and asked the leader how far in actual miles Dan is from Beersheba. "I've heard all my life," he said, "the familiar expression, 'from Dan to Beersheba,' but have never known the distance."

Another member jumped up to his feet. "Do I understand," he asked, "that Dan and Beersheba are names of places?"

"Yes," said the leader.

"Well, that's one on me," he laughed: "I always thought they were husband and wife, like Sodom and Gomorrah."

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It is better to say a good thing about a bad man than a bad thing about a good man.

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"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks to us in our consciences, but shouts to us in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

—C. S. Lewis.

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The lazier a man is the more he plans to do tomorrow.

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You are not what you think you are, but what you think—you are. (See Proverbs xxiii, 7.)

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It is always little people who create big problems.